

NOTICE TO FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WITH
RATES ON FILE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOVEMBER 9, 2001
REQUEST FOR OFFERS FOR THE WESTERN DISTRIBUTION CENTER–
2 PERCENT INSURANCE RELATED SURCHARGE

In a Federal Register Notice published on May 9, 2002, the General Services Administration (GSA) approved a request from the National Motor Freight Traffic Association (NMFTA) to assess a 2 percent insurance related surcharge on all domestic (48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia) closed van freight shipments moving under GSA's Freight Management Program (FMP). This approval allowed Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) to add to an agency's billing invoice a separate line item equivalent to 2 percent of a shipment's line haul charge for the period May 1, 2002, through October 31, 2002.

Part of the May 9, 2002, Notice identified that the Request for Offers (RFO) for GSA's Western Distribution Center (WDC) did not contain a supplemental filing window for TSPs to make adjustments to rate offers for any continued need for an insurance related surcharge for the time period November 1, 2002, through April 20, 2003. Per the Notice, GSA has received a substantiated request that there is a continued need for the 2 percent insurance related surcharge for the traffic identified in the WDC RFO. As a result, GSA is extending its approval for those TSPs with rate offers accepted under the WDC RFO dated November 9, 2001, to continue to add to an agency's billing invoice a separate line item equivalent to 2 percent of a shipment's line haul charge. This approval becomes effective December 1, 2002, and will expire April 30, 2003. TSP's will need to make adjustments to their rate filings for any continued need for insurance related costs during the open window filing period for the WDC that will open in January/February 2003 for an effective date of May 1, 2003.

This approval ONLY applies to those rate offers accepted under the WDC RFO dated November 9, 2001. A separate line item relating to an insurance related surcharge MAY NOT be applied to any other shipment moving under GSA's FMP.